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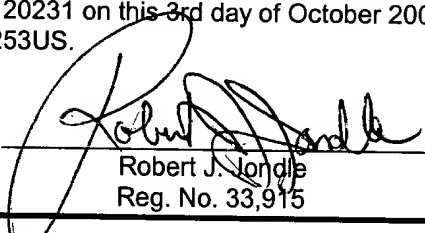
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Title of the Invention: **Methods for Tissue Culturing and Transforming Elite Inbreds of Zea Mays L.**

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2002, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

Claims 35, 37 and 42 have been amended as well as page 1 of the specification as shown on the following pages. Applicant is submitting a substitute specification and a Terminal Disclaimer.

Marked up copies of the original text of the amended claims are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (_____) and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~strike-out~~).

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